

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please hold in abeyance any requirements for drawing changes pending allowance of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 31 and 32, as shown below.

A1 -- 31. (Added) A coupling device for coupling a multiple channel fiber optic cable to a multiple channel Vertical Cavity Surface Emitting Laser (VCSEL) transmitter and a multiple channel Perpendicularly Aligned Integrated Die (PAID) receiver, comprising: a flexible circuit disposed between at least one translating die operatively connected to a laminate, and an optoelectronic die; at least one heatsink carrier; a fiber optic cable connected to said at least one translating die such that said fiber optic cable exits from said laminate in a direction substantially parallel to a horizontal plane defining an orientation of said laminate; an overmold frame that is supported by said laminate, said overmold frame having a cavity for receiving said flexible circuit, said